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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
(DAYLET)

Re DAYLET 2-27-56 concerning [redacted]

3-1-56 issue of "Oregon Journal", Portland daily newspaper, carried following notice: "IRVING JONES of Vancouver, Wash., will attend a conference next week on civil rights in Washington, D.C. as a delegate of Portland local No. 139 of the Molders and Foundry Workers union."

No mention of any other sponsor was made, possible indicating that JONES was unsuccessful in his attempts to represent NAACP and the church.

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Remydaylet captioned as above, 3/1/56.

[redacted] said that he would furnish the Buffalo Office with any pertinent information concerning the conference [redacted]

[redacted] were granted leave to attend the Civil Rights conference. The latter group includes [redacted] who from time to time has been in touch with CP members and who is regarded as a CP colonizer from New York City.

[redacted] has not been included in the group who were granted leave to attend the conference.

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Mr. Belmont [redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: 3/3/56

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ON CIVIL RIGHTS
MARCH 4 - 6, 1956
WASHINGTON, D. C.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

I thought the Director would be interested in knowing that we have been able to increase the number of informants who are coming to Washington in connection with the captioned Conference and that we have at the present time

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Appropriate arrangements have been made for each of these individuals to contact our Washington Field Office and furnish pertinent information while in Washington. Following is a breakdown reflecting the informants who will be attending from our various field divisions:

b7D [redacted]

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In addition to the above, it is noted that representatives of the [redacted] will be in attendance at the various functions of this Conference. Appropriate arrangements have been made to obtain information from this source.

cc - Boardman
cc - Tolson
cc - Nichols
cc - Belmont
cc - Baumgardner
cc - Sizoo
cc - [redacted]

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

Anticipated attendance at this Conference is expected to range from 2,000 to 2,500 and delegates from all parts of the country will participate. Following is the proposed agenda:

Sunday, March 4

9:00 a.m. - Registration of delegates at Willard Hotel and YMCA, 1816 12th Street, N. W.
2:30 p.m. - Meeting at Metropolitan Baptist Church, 1225 R Street, N. W.
7:00 p.m. - Session at Departmental Auditorium consisting of briefing of delegates concerning visits to Congressmen and eye-witness reports from delegates regarding civil rights violations.

Monday, March 5

9:00 a.m. - Meeting in grand ballroom, Willard Hotel, regarding visits to Congressmen.
1:30 p.m. - Report session at grand ballroom, Willard Hotel.
3:30 p.m. - (tentative) Discussion with Democrat and Republican Party legislative leaders.
7:30 p.m. - (tentative) Outline of Democratic and Republican Party programs by Party chairmen.

Tuesday, March 6

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon - Meeting at Departmental Auditorium regarding visits to Congressmen.

1:30 p.m. - Reports and closing session at Departmental Auditorium.

The above agenda as set out is tentative and subject to change. However, as of this time, this is the schedule which has been arranged.

ACTION:

This entire matter is being closely followed and you will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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Reference is made to telephone call from SA [redacted] Baltimore, to Night Security Supervisor [redacted] Bureau, at 12:45 AM March 4, 1956 during which the following information was furnished:

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[redacted] observed this afternoon's meeting at Inter-
departmental Auditorium from 2 p.m. to 3:10 p.m. [redacted] consisted of various state
delegations reporting on their visits to Congress. Only noteworthy remarks
observed by [redacted] was Pennsylvania reported one of its Congressmen inter-
viewed would be willing to sign a petition to Attorney General to get his stand
on civil rights investigations in the South. New Jersey replied majority of
Congressmen interviewed would be willing to appear before Attorney General to
request Negroes be protected under existing laws. ROY WILKINS' closing remarks
were that if civil rights were not election issue before, they are now.
[redacted] estimated 500 - 600 in attendance.

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[redacted] today disclosed [redacted] attended meeting at Interdepartmental
Auditorium this afternoon. [redacted] observed on steps of Auditorium during
time session in progress. [redacted] and [redacted] lobby of
Auditorium prior to afternoon session. [redacted] prior to entering lobby [redacted]
[redacted] also observed in conversation with [redacted]
[redacted] at this session be put on table for [redacted]
prior to leaving meeting, for a period of six or seven minutes [redacted] in
discussion in lobby of Auditorium with [redacted] member of
[redacted] CP.

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It is noted informants have reported NAACP Conference has closed and that delegates are leaving Washington. All informants have departed. No indicati[redacted] and [redacted] have left, although PISUR observed their baggage taken to Union Station late this afternoon.

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In view of fact Conference has closed WFO contemplates no surveillance of [redacted] and [redacted] 3-7-56 NAACP.

CC: MR. BELMONT
AND SUPERVISOR
DOM. INTEL. DIVISION

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated March 6, 1956, concerning the conference being held in Washington, D. C., March 4 through 6, 1956, under the sponsorship of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and certain supporting organizations. I thought you would be interested in the following information relative to activities of the conference on March 6, 1956, made available by sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

An afternoon session of the conference was held at the Interdepartmental Auditorium of the Department of Labor which consisted of reports made by various state delegations on the results of their visits with members of Congress. The estimated attendance at this meeting was between 500 and 600 people.

In this connection, the Pennsylvania delegation reported two Congressmen from that state who were interviewed would be willing to sign a petition directed to the Attorney General requesting his position on civil rights investigations in the South. The New Jersey delegation reported that the majority of the Congressmen from that State would be willing to appear before the Attorney General and request protection for Negroes under existing laws.

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Letter to The Attorney General

Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in his closing remarks to the conference stated that if the civil rights question was not heretofore an election issue, it certainly is at this time.

[redacted] all of whom have been described as Communist Party members in the past, were seen distributing copies of the "Daily Worker," an east coast Communist daily newspaper, to persons entering the auditorium prior to the afternoon session on March 6, 1956. There was no literature distributed inside the auditorium, however, and there was no demonstration of any sort.

[redacted] of the Communist Party was observed sitting at the press table during the afternoon meeting at the Interdepartmental Auditorium.

[redacted] of the Communist Party, was observed on the steps of the auditorium while the session was in progress and [redacted] and [redacted] of the Communist Party, were observed in the lobby of the auditorium prior to the afternoon session. Before leaving the meeting, [redacted] was seen talking to [redacted] of the Communist Party, in the lobby of the auditorium.

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You will be advised immediately of any further pertinent data received by this Bureau concerning Communist Party activities in connection with this conference.

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Letter to The Attorney General

cc - Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

cc - Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

cc - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

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Date: March 6, 1956

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
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Reference is made to my memorandum dated March 5, 1956, concerning the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights being held in Washington, D. C., on March 4 through 6, 1956, under the sponsorship of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and certain supporting organizations.

The following data relative to activities of the conference on March 5, 1956, made available by sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past is being furnished for your information.

An afternoon session of the conference was held at the Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C. The estimated attendance at this meeting was approximately 1,000 people.

b7D [redacted] advised that the principal point of interest at the meeting was the motion of the New Jersey delegation to interest ten members of Congress in calling on the Attorney General to discuss the NAACP conference program concerning civil rights. This source stated that Senator Case of New Jersey has agreed to be one of the ten Congressmen to call on the Attorney General. The New York delegation reported that Senator Lehman would probably be one of the other nine members of Congress who would call on the Attorney General.

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A delegation of approximately 75 individuals called on Senator Douglas of Illinois headed by Willoughby Abner of the Chicago delegation of the NAACP. The eight-point civil rights program of the conference was discussed with Senator Douglas, who explained his position on each point of the program. Senator Douglas said he has proposed legislation on a Fair Employment Practice Committee, civil rights, and favors intervention by the Federal Government whenever there is a civil rights violation. Senator Douglas voiced his disapproval of Senator Eastland of Mississippi and explained that due to illness he was unable to oppose Senator Eastland's appointment as chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary. The delegation left Senator Douglas' office apparently pleased with his stand on civil rights and related matters.

Another delegation talked with Senator Dirksen of Illinois. Senator Dirksen said he was not opposed to the eight-point civil rights program of the conference as presented by the delegation. Senator Dirksen told the delegation he was opposed to the removal or reprimand of Senator Eastland as chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary.

Letter to Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army

[redacted] of the Communist Party, was observed early in the afternoon of March 5, 1956, in front of the Willard Hotel talking to an individual wearing an identification tag bearing the name [redacted] gave this individual several copies of a [redacted] entitled "Behind the Lynching of Emmett Louis Till." [redacted]

Sue Courts, a Negro and president of the Belzoni, Mississippi, Chapter of the NAACP, was shot on the night of November 25, 1955, allegedly because he refused to remove his name from a list of registered voters. b7C

[redacted] of the Communist Party, and [redacted] of the [redacted] of the Communist Party were observed entering the Charles Hotel, Washington, D. C., about 12:00 p.m., March 5, 1956.

[redacted] of the Communist Party, [redacted] were later seen entering the Willard Hotel while the afternoon session of the conference was in progress.

Shortly after the conference session terminated at the Willard Hotel, [redacted] and [redacted] met [redacted] of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia, in the vicinity of the hotel and conversed for approximately seven or eight minutes.

An evening session of the conference was also held at the Willard Hotel on March 5, 1956, and [redacted] was observed entering the hotel shortly before the session commenced.

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Letter to Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army

The evening meeting was attended by approximately 1,500 or more people.

One source in attendance was impressed with the efficient security measures in effect at the session. Admittance was by official badge only and some individuals were removed from the meeting without incident.

The principal speakers represented the Republican and Democratic Parties. Congressman Hugh Scott representing the chairman of the Republican National Committee cited the accomplishments of the Negro and the Republican Administration in regard to civil rights matters. Mr. Paul M. Butler, chairman, Democratic National Committee, told of the accomplishments under former Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman.

[redacted] as well as [redacted] have been described as Communist Party members in the past, were observed at the Willard Hotel during the evening session of the conference. b7C

You will be advised promptly of additional pertinent data concerning Communist Party activities in connection with the conference.

2 cc Director of Naval Intelligence
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Re Legislative Conference on Civil Rights to be held March 4-6, 1956 at Washington, D.C.

An anonymous source, contacted on [redacted] Ohio, advised that [redacted] had the attached undated memorandum captioned, "The Washington Mobilization" and signed by the Negro Work Commission. This memorandum was returned to Cleveland by the Bureau on 2/25/56.

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A copy of this memorandum is being forwarded to Bureau as it indicates the preliminary planning and observation of the Communist Party regarding the conference in Washington on March 4-6, 1956.

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cc MR. BELMONT AND SUPERVISOR [redacted] b7C

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THE WASHINGTON MOBILIZATION

The Washington mobilization on civil rights and civil liberties, sponsored by the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, is scheduled for some time in February or early March. The Leadership Conference consists of the NAACP and 50 other organizations, among them not only the main Negro organizations, but virtually the entire labor movement as well as leading Jewish, church and other civic organizations. The purpose of the mobilization are lobbying in Congress and pressure also for executive action.

The mobilization is an outgrowth of the tremendous wave of struggle generated by the Till case, which has given rise to demands from many sources for a March on Washington. It is an action of momentous importance, which can well become an important turning point in the whole struggle for Negro rights. Therefore every possible effort must be exerted to assure its success.

Though forced to bend before the growing mass pressure for civil rights, the ruling circles seek to contain it, to hold it in check. Wall Street, alarmed by the threat to its superprofits from the South, wants to keep the movement "within bounds." Leading GOP and Democratic spokesmen, in the name of "unity" with the Dixiecrats, have been keeping silent. And some Negro leaders, themselves giving in to these pressures, also try to soft-pedal the mounting demands for action.

Hence the peculiar fact that the mobilization was first announced through the UAW by Walter Reuther, and has not to this day been officially announced by the NAACP or the sponsoring supporting body. Hence, too, the fact that so far the exact dates have not been announced.

The aim is to keep the mobilization within the bounds of a relatively quiet, "respectable" action, with the number of delegates limited, and to prevent it from becoming a militant mass demonstration. To combat this, all possible pressure should be exerted to give the mobilization a mass character--pressure for mass delegations, for unity around a substantial program, etc.

Toward this end, it is vital that action on both program and mobilization of delegations begin now.

Program

1. The following 8-point program has been put forward by the Leadership Conference:

1) An effective Federal FEPC.
2) Anti-discrimination provisions in Federal grants to education, housing, social welfare.
3) A Federal anti-lynching law.
4) Federal protection of the right to register and vote.
5) Creation of a Civil Rights Division in the Justice Department, with authority to act in all sections of the country.
6) A permanent Federal Commission on Civil Rights.
7) Elimination of discrimination in interstate travel.
8) Establishment of majority rule in Congress.

This program offers a sound minimum basis for action. It is available in the form of a pamphlet entitled Congress Must ACT on Civil Rights; which can be obtained from the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights,

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It can be brought forward in all sorts of mass organizations for endorsement and as a basis for action in support of the mobilization. This [illegible] true not only of the organizations which make up the Leadership Conference, and which were represented in the Cleveland Bill of Rights Day meeting, but of many others as well.

2. Special emphasis must be given to winning support for the Diggs proposal. Delegations, letters and petitions to local congressmen are needed, urging them to support the proposal. Resolutions of support must be adopted in unions and other mass organizations wherever possible. Such actions are essential in view of the efforts in some quarters to shunt the proposal aside.

A civil rights bloc has been formed in the House of Representatives, headed by Adam Clayton Powell. Local congressmen must also be urged to join it.

3. Since the mobilization also raises the question of civil liberties, ways must be sought to introduce proposals for action on the Smith Act. For this, the Ralph Matthews article in the Call & Post (12/10/55), which links together the forces which freed the Till murderers and those who seek to imprison the Smith Act victims, provides an excellent approach.

4. As a necessary part of the fight for progress, the program of the Left must be brought forward. This is presented in part in a pamphlet on the Till case written by Lou Burnham and issued by Freedom Associates, which will be available shortly. It is also presented in a leaflet issued by the Bill of Rights Conference on the Mississippi murders. Both of these must be given the widest possible distribution, as well as other material on civil rights.

Delegations

1. Action must not wait on announcement of dates. The question of delegations can and should be raised immediately both in sponsoring organizations and in others as well. It should be raised particularly in UAW locals and regional bodies, in view of Reuther's letter to all locals calling for support, and also in other unions. Every effort should be made to assure mass delegations, not mere token representation, and to publicize all actions taken on this.

2. The greatest possible left and progressive participation should be sought. Participation of left organizations as such, however, should not be made an issue, and should not be permitted to become a source of disunity.

3. Approaches should be made to councilmen with the aim of getting a resolution of support to the mobilization passed in City Council. Other leading civic figures should also be urged to give public expressions of support.

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All sections should as quickly as possible discuss the mobilization and work out a detailed program of action, with all necessary provisions for checkup. In each case, a leading person should be assigned responsibility for it.

Negro Work Commission

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Remyairtel 2-24-56 and Washington Field airtel 2-27-56.

[redacted] is holding United Air Lines coach reservation leaving Denver, UAL Flight 604, 2:00 a.m. on 3-3-56 arriving Chicago 6:15 a.m.; leave Chicago American Air Lines, Flight 632 at 8:15 a.m. arriving Washington, D. C. 11:35 a.m. on 3-3-56. [redacted] holds return reservation with Capital Air Lines, Flight 801Y, leaving Washington, D.C. 11:00 p.m. on 3-6-56. [redacted] also holding reservation on UAL, Washington to Denver, Flight 509 on 3-27-56.

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A photograph of [redacted] is enclosed for Washington Field. No specific coverage desired on [redacted] by WFO, but any information regarding his activities, developed through normal sources should be furnished Denver.

[redacted] Denver, is also attending this conference in Wash. which will begin 3-4-56.

[redacted] of the CP [redacted], and an employee of [redacted]

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ADVANCE COPY OF [redacted] LETTER

Re WFO letter 3/5/56.

On 3/6/56, [redacted] Washington, D.C., advised that 4000 copies of the "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper, were in the baggage room of the Union Station, Washington, D.C., as of 4:45 A.M., 3/6/56. The "Daily Workers" were addressed to [redacted] According to [redacted] 1000 "Workers", the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker" addressed to [redacted] which were at the Union Station on 3/2/56, were still there.

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COUNCIL OF THE NAACP, IS-C. Re telephone call [redacted] to SAC 2-29-56 requesting airtel explanation as to why teletype not submitted to Bureau by your office 2-28-56 in accordance with Bureau instructions contained in Butel dated 2-25-56.

Advise at once date and caption your airtel reply to Bureau's telephonic request.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

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Remyairtel yesterday.

[redacted] to leave Denver at 2:00 A. M. Sunday, 3/4/56, on Flight 604, arriving in Chicago in time to connect with American Air Lines Flight 632, which departs Chicago at 8:15 A. M. Flight 632 scheduled to arrive 11:35 A. M. in Washington, D. C. [redacted] advised [redacted] attempting to change Denver departure to flight leaving Denver at 3:35 A. M. 3/4/56, but efforts to make this flight are thus far unsuccessful. In the event [redacted] does leave at 3:35 A. M., his arrival in Washington, D. C., would probably be at approximately 3:00 P. M. Sunday, 3/4/56.

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The following is furnished for your information concerning the "Leadership Conference on Civil Rights" which is currently being held in Washington, D. C., and sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

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BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable Dillon Anderson
Special Assistant to the President
Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Anderson:

Reference is made to my memorandum dated March 5, 1956, concerning the conference being held in Washington, D. C., March 4 through 6, 1956, under the sponsorship of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and certain supporting organizations. I thought you would be interested in the following information relative to activities of the conference on March 5, 1956, made available by sources of this Bureau who have furnished reliable information in the past.

An afternoon session of the conference was held at the Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C. The estimated attendance at this meeting was approximately 1,000 people.

[redacted], advised that the principal point of interest at the meeting was the motion of the New Jersey delegation to interest ten members of Congress in calling on the Attorney General to discuss the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People conference program concerning civil rights. The source stated that Senator Case of New Jersey has agreed

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to be one of the ten Congressmen to call on the Attorney General. The New York delegation reported that Senator Lehman would probably be one of the other nine members of Congress who would call on the Attorney General.

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A delegation of approximately 75 individuals called on Senator Douglas of Illinois headed by Willoughby Abner, head of the Chicago delegation of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The eight-point civil rights program of the conference was discussed with Senator Douglas, who explained his position on each point of the program. Senator Douglas said he has proposed legislation on a Fair Employment Practice Committee, civil rights, and favors intervention by the Federal Government whenever there is a civil rights

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violation. Senator Douglas voiced his disapproval of Senator Eastland of Mississippi and explained that due to illness he was unable to oppose Senator Eastland's appointment as chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary. The delegation left Senator Douglas' office apparently pleased with his stand on civil rights and related matters.

Another delegation talked with Senator Dirksen of Illinois. Senator Dirksen said he was not opposed to the eight-point civil rights program of the conference as presented by the delegation. Senator Dirksen told the delegation he was opposed to the removal or reprimand of Senator Eastland as chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary.

[redacted] of the Communist Party, was observed early in the afternoon of March 5, 1956, in front of the Willard Hotel talking to an individual wearing an identification tag bearing the name [redacted] gave this individual several copies of a pamphlet captioned "Behind the Lynching of Emmett Louis Till." [redacted]

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Gus Courts, a Negro and president of the Belzoni, Mississippi, Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was shot on the night of November 25, 1955, allegedly because he refused to remove his name from a list of registered voters.

[redacted] of the Communist Party, and [redacted] of the [redacted] of the Communist Party, were observed entering the Charles Hotel, Washington, D. C., about 12:00 P.M. on March 5, 1956.

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[redacted] of the Communist Party, [redacted] were later seen entering the Willard Hotel while the afternoon session of the conference was in progress.

Shortly after the conference session terminated at the Willard Hotel, [redacted] and [redacted] met [redacted] of the Communist Party in [redacted] in the vicinity of the hotel and conversed for approximately seven or eight minutes.

An evening session of the conference was also held at the Willard Hotel on March 5, 1956, and [redacted] was observed entering the hotel shortly before the session commenced. b7C

The evening meeting was attended by approximately 1,500 or more people.

One source in attendance was impressed with the efficient security measures in effect at the session. Admittance was by official badge only and some individuals were removed from the meeting without incident.

The principal speakers represented the Republican and Democratic Parties. Congressman Hugh Scott representing the chairman of the Republican National Committee cited the accomplishments of the Negro and the Republican Administration in regard to civil rights matters. Mr. Paul M. Butler, chairman, Democratic National Committee, told of the accomplishments under former Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman.

[redacted] as well as [redacted] have been described as Communist Party members in the past, were observed at the Willard Hotel during the evening session of the conference.

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Any information furnished this Bureau indicating that a delegation will visit the President will be brought to your attention immediately.

You will be advised promptly of additional pertinent data concerning Communist Party activities in connection with this conference.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 2-28-56

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: CLARENCE MITCHELL
DIRECTOR - WASHINGTON BUREAU OF NAACP
CIVIL RIGHTS

ASAC Welte of the Savannah Office called at 11:00 a.m. this morning to advise that the captioned individual, accompanied by a Negro minister from Sumter, South Carolina, had been arrested late last night when both individuals attempted to cross over into the white section of the train station at Florence, South Carolina. Welte did not have all the facts but from what he had it appeared that Mitchell had been thrown in jail in Florence.

Mitchell called our Florence Residency Agency at 9:00 a.m. this morning and requested to see the Agents. He arrived at approximately 9:30 a.m. accompanied by the minister and two attorneys. The Resident Agents were interviewing Mitchell and the Negro minister at the time of ASAC Welte's call to the Bureau.

At 10:20 a.m., Mitchell received a call from Washington at the Resident Agency. It was obvious that Mitchell had planned the call beforehand. It also appeared obvious that he wanted the Agents to hear his conversation with the caller. Mitchell told the Washington caller to get in touch immediately with L. B. Nichols of the FBI and Congressman Hes eiton (apparently Congressman John W. Heselton, R.-Massachusetts). Mitchell then hung up.

In connection with this, I received a call from a Mr. Pohlhause, who identified himself as head of the local NAACP, at 10:35 a.m. this morning. I was out of the office at the time and DeLoach returned the call in my absence at 11:15 a.m. Mr. Pohlhause stated that he had talked with Mr. Mitchell in Florence, South Carolina, and that Mitchell had instructed him to advise me of Mitchell's arrest while attempting to insist on his rights under the rulings of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Pohlhause stated that the matter had been referred to A. B. Caldwell of the Civil Rights Section of the Department of Justice and that Mr. Caldwell was swinging into action regarding the matter. Pohlhause was thanked for his call.

cc - Mr. Rosen

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While talking with ASAC Welte of Savannah, DeLoach told him that in the event press inquiries were received we, of course, should make no comment at this time until further facts were ascertained and the facts presented to the Department of Justice. Welte stated that several calls had been received and that he had indicated that we could make no comment at this time. He was instructed to keep us advised regarding this matter and that undoubtedly the Investigative Division would instruct that facts be presented as expeditiously as possible so that the matter could be presented to the Department.

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An afternoon session of the conference was held at the Interdepartmental Auditorium of the Department of Labor which consisted of reports made by various state delegations on the results of their visits with members of Congress. The estimated attendance at this meeting was between 500 and 600 people.

In this connection, the Pennsylvania delegation reported two Congressmen from that State who were interviewed would be willing to sign a petition directed to the Attorney General requesting his position on civil rights investigations in the South. The New Jersey delegation reported that the majority of the Congressmen from that State would be willing to appear before the Attorney General and request protection for Negroes under existing

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As a matter of interest, the chairman of the Mississippi delegation called on Senator Eastland who was courteous but said he was opposed to everything the delegation requested.

Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in his closing remarks to the conference stated that if the civil rights question was not heretofore an election issue, it certainly is at this time.

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You will be advised immediately of any further pertinent data received by this Bureau concerning Communist Party activities in connection with this conference.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
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The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
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2 cc Director of Special Investigations
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[redacted] today furnished to SA [redacted] Delegate Assembly for Civil Rights press release to which was attached agenda as follows:

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DELEGATE ASSEMBLY FOR CIVIL RIGHTS, MARCH 4, 5, 6, 1956
WILLARD HOTEL, WASHINGTON, D. C.

PROGRAM

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SUNDAY, MARCH 4

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.....Registration

2:30 p.m. - 5: 30 p.m..Metropolitan Baptist Church, 1225 R St. N.W.
Invocation
Chairman: Charles Zimmerman, Chairman, Civil Rights Dept. Amer. Jewish Committee, Vice Pres. International Ladies Garment Workers Union, AFL-CIO.

Keynote Address, ROY WILKINS, Exec. Sec., NAACP and Chairman, Assembly for Civil Rights.

Keynote to be followed by panel discussion by leading lobbyists for civil rights:

Herman Edelsberg, Director, Washington Office Anti-Defamation League.

John J. Gunther, Legislative Rep., Americans for Democratic Action.

Mrs. Patricia Roberts Harris, Exec. Dir., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Clarence Mitchell, Director, Washington Office NAACP.

Paul Sifton, National Legislative Rep., United Automobile Workers.

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7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.....Interdepartmental Auditorium, Labor Department, Constitution Avenue Entrance.

Invocation

A Court of Inquiry will hear testimony by Southern witnesses and victims of violence.

Members of the Court of Inquiry are:

Chairman: Bernard Trager, Chmn., Community Relations Advisory Council.
George Hunton, Exec. Sec., Catholic Interracial Council.
Patrick Murphy Malin, Exec. Director, Americal Civil Liberties Union.

Shad Polier, Vice-Pres., American Jewish Congress.

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WITNESSES:

Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, one of the indicted leaders in the Montgomery, Alabama, bus protest.

L. A. Blackman, President of the NAACP, Elloree, S.C., who defied efforts of Ku Klux Klan to drive him out of town.

Gus Courts, President of the NAACP, Belzoni, Mississippi, who was shot because he refused to remove his name from the voting list.

(and others)

Benediction

MONDAY, MARCH 5

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.....Delegates confer with Congressmen and Senators of Capitol Hill. (Delegations from more than 35 states are expected to meet with members of Congress in their offices.)

2 p.m. - 5 p.m.....Grand Ballroom, Willard Hotel.

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Reports by chairmen of state delegations on conferences with members of Congress.

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(Representatives from the two parties in Congress and spokesmen for the Republican and Democratic National Committees will state their views on civil rights legislation.)

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

9 a.m. - 12 noon..Delegates confer with Congressmen and Senators on Capitol Hill.

1:30 p.m.....Chairman: Emil Mazey, Secretary-Treasurer, United Automobile Workers.

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Invocation at Interdepartmental Auditorium by Father JOSEPH CONNOR.

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Court of Inquiry to include Reverend LEON SULLIVAN, Zion Baptist Church, Philadelphia.

Another witness before Court of Inquiry is to be Dr. CHESTER C. TRAVELSTEAD, Albequerque, New Mexico.

Benediction by Rabbi LEON ADLER.

MONDAY, MARCH 5

Evening session (8 p.m.) has been changed to Grand Ballroom, Willard Hotel: Pledges and performance, presentations by Congressional leaders and Party spokesmen - PAUL M. BUTLER, Chairman, Democratic National Committee; JOHN W. McCORMACK, majority leader, House of Representatives. Invitations were also extended to: LEONARD HALL, LYNDON JOHNSON, WILLIAM KNOWLAND, JOSEPH MARTIN.

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[redacted] learned through [redacted] that 1500 delegates are expected at Assembly.

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[redacted] Chicago train to Washington today brought 38 delegates rather than 61 expected. Train 115 (Pennsylvania RR) left New York with 40 delegates; arrived Washington 1:20 pm today with 65 delegates who went to Willard Hotel.

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Reference is made to my previous memoranda concerning the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights also referred to as the Delegate Assembly for Civil Rights sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and certain supporting organizations.

As a matter of additional interest our Washington Field Office furnished the following agenda for the conference which was obtained from a press release made by the Delegate Assembly for Civil Rights.

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Memorandum to the Attorney General

cc Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

cc Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

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[redacted] of the Communist Party, was observed entering the Charles Hotel later in the evening of March 3, 1956.

[redacted] left the hotel during the evening and at 10:25 P.M., March 3, 1956, had returned to the hotel and all six individuals, in addition to [redacted] of the Communist Party, were in the Charles Hotel.

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Additional pertinent information concerning Communist Party activities in connection with this conference will promptly be brought to your attention.

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Memorandum to the Attorney General

cc - Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

cc - Assistant Attorney General
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cc - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

NOTE ON YELLOW:

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It was not possible to cover the meeting at the Charles Hotel referred to herein since the Charles Hotel is a Negro Hotel; all personnel are Negroes and the subjects and all individuals involved are Negroes. Matters being followed closely by the field office to determine if coverage of any future meetings at this hotel may be possible.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: March 2, 1956

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
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There is attached herewith the yellow of a duplimat concerning activities at meetings in Chicago, Illinois, on February 27 and 29, 1956, pertaining to the Legislative Conference on Civil Rights to be held in Washington, D.C., March 4-6, 1956, under the sponsorship of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and certain supporting organizations. There are also attached cover memoranda to the White House, Attorney General, Secret Service and intelligence agencies of the Armed Forces with which copies of the duplimat will be disseminated.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. It is recommended that this yellow file copy be approved in order that the original which is on duplimat can be transmitted.

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2. It is also recommended that the attached cover letters transmitting the duplimat be approved.

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
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Reference is made to my previous communications concerning the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights to be held in Washington, D. C., on March 4-6, 1956, under the sponsorship of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and certain supporting organizations.

I thought you would be interested in the data contained in the enclosed memorandum concerning activities at meetings held in Chicago, Illinois, on February 27 and 29, 1956, in regard to the above-mentioned conference.

Any additional pertinent information obtained by this Bureau in connection with this conference will be made available to you promptly.

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LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ON CIVIL RIGHTS
MARCH 4 THROUGH 6, 1956
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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A "Mass Rally and Giant Negro History Week Demonstration," attended by approximately 3,000 people, was held at Chicago on February 29, 1956. The meeting was directed by Charles Hayes who has been reliably reported as being a former member of the Communist Party and featured an address by Dr. T. R. M. Howard of Mound Bayou, Mississippi. Howard's speech was in the form of an appeal for activation on the part of those present at the meeting to correct unjust practices in the South, such as lynching and segregation. Russell Lasley, Director of the Antidiscrimination Department of the United Public Workers of America - Congress of Industrial Organizations, spoke at the meeting and urged support for the Negro civil rights movement.

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who have been reported to be Communist Party members in Chicago, distributed a pamphlet entitled "Terror in Dixie" published by the Communist Party Illinois-Indiana District.

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were observed in attendance at the meeting.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has thirty-six spaces reserved on a special car paid for to date, and expects a total of sixty-one persons to be aboard the special car when it leaves Chicago on the afternoon of March 3, 1956, for Washington.

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Re Legislative Conference on Civil Rights 3/4-6/56 b7C
at WA, D.C.

The following four items of literature concerning the above mentioned conference are being forwarded for completion of Bureau File regarding this matter:

1) One photostat of cover of a booklet entitled, "Congress Must ACT on Civil Rights", on the back of which is listed the names of the organizations officially participating in the conference.

2) One photostat of a handwritten copy of a tentative program for a "Delegate Assembly For Civil Rights", evidently to be held in the course of the conference. This item covers the contemplated program for the three days.

3) One photostat of a handwritten copy of a directive "To All Participating Agencies" from ROY WILKINS, Chairman, and ARNOLD ARONSON, Secretary. This item is captioned, "Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, 20 W. 40 St., N.Y. 18, N.Y." and is dated February 21, 1956.

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4) One photostat of a handwritten copy of a letter from ROY WILKINS, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, addressed to "Dear Branch & Youth Officers" which is dated February 14, 1956.

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LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ON CIVIL RIGHTS

20 West 40th Street, New York 18, N. Y.

Chairman: Roy Wilkins Secretary: Arnold Aronson

Participating Organizations

A.M.E. Zion Church
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
American Civil Liberties Union
American Council on Human Rights
American Federation of Labor
American Jewish Committee
American Jewish Congress
American Veterans Committe
Americans for Democratic Action
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, AFL
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Colored Methodist Episcopal Church
Congress of Industrial Organizations
Congress of Racial Equality
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
Hotel, Restaurant and Bartenders International Union of America, AFL
Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World
International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, AFL
International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO
Japanese American Citizens League
Jewish Labor Committee
Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.
National Alliance of Postal Employees
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
National Association of Colored Women, Inc.
National Baptist Convention, U.S A
National Bar Association
National Catholic Committee on Race Relations
National Community Relations Advisory Council
National Council of Jewish Women
National Council of Negro Women
National Frontiers Club
National Negro Business League
National Newspaper Publishers Association
National Religion and Labor Foundation
National Supreme Council Scottish Rite Masons
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity
Phi Delta Kappa Sorority
Textile Workers Union, CIO
The American Ethical Union
The Workmen's Circle
Transport Workers Union of America, CIO
Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice
United Automobile Workers of America, CIO
United Hebrew Trades
United Rubber Workers, CIO
United Steelworkers of America, CIO
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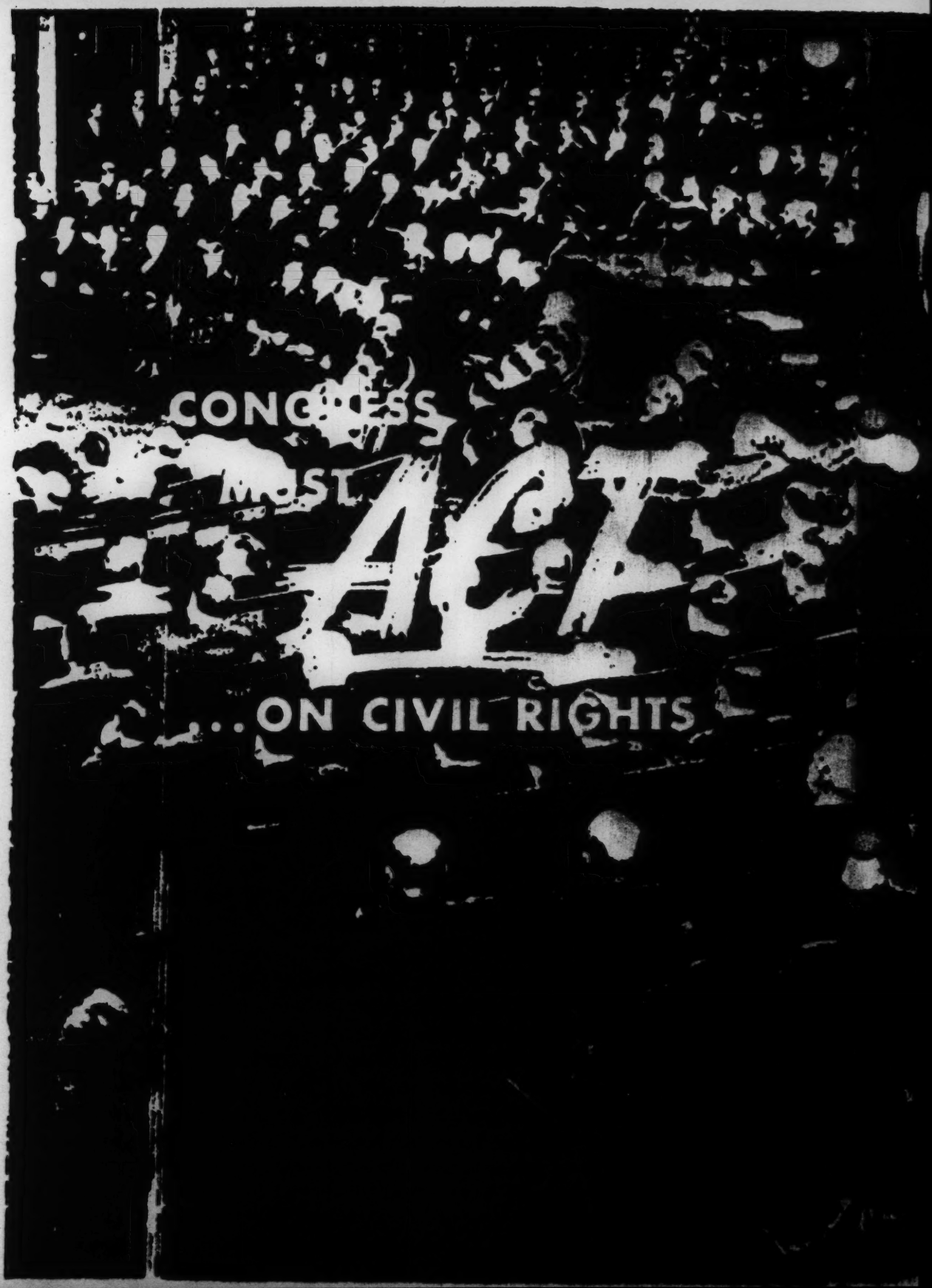

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Feb. 14, 1956

Dear Branch & Youth Officers:

You have received notice of the Nat'l Delegate assembly for Civil Rights which will be held in Washington, D.C., March 4-6, and instructions have been sent you about the selection of delegates according to Congressional districts.

This letter is to say to you very frankly that intensive efforts are being made by left wing groups & individuals to get into the assembly as delegates. Since they know that delegates are limited to nat'l organizations in the Leadership Conference, & they know that none of their organizations is a member, they are trying to get elected as delegates by local chapters of organizations already in the Leadership Conference.

They are making a special effort to be elected as delegates by local branches of the NAACP. You know that the Nat'l policy of the NAACP is not to cooperate with any Communist front or left wing group. Of course we do not work with Communists, in your selection of delegates. When you give a delegate credential to the Washington meeting in the name of your branch you are assuming responsibility for the good name of the NAACP.

Beware of people who come forward and offer to be a delegate & pay their own expenses. It may be that such persons have already been told that some one else will pay their expenses if they can get to be elected as an NAACP delegate.

Because left wing publications & organizations already have urged their members to "support" the civil rights rally in Washington, many Washington columnists & numerous daily newspapers & wire services are making inquiries because they have heard that our rally in Washington will be "captured".

left wrong individuals & groups. If this should happen the whole Civil rights movement will receive a black eye, & we will get very little attention, if any, by the congress.

The responsibility is up to the local chapter & the NAACP since they are on the scene and should know their communities & individuals very well.

Here at the nat'l office we are depending upon every branch officer to protect the good name & effectiveness of the NAACP in this major fight for civil rights legislation, by carrying out the nat'l policies embodied & re-affirmed year after year in our annual convention anti-Communist resolution.

Very sincerely yours,
Roy Wilkins
Executive Secretary

Leadership Conference on Civil Rights
20 W. 40th St. / N.Y. 18, N.Y. Longacre 36890

Feb. 21, 19[redacted]

To all participating agencies.

Chairman
Roy Wilkins

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Arnold Aronson

I; There are mounting evidences that Communists & Communist sympathizers are making a determined effort to infiltrate Our forth-coming Delegate Assembly for Civil Rights. Our opposition to Communism + to all other forms of totalitarianism needs no elaboration here. We do not want nor will accept their cooperation.

We will not permit either the communists or Senator Eastland to divert attention from the real issues + to smear the civil rights movement. By unanimous vote of the Executive Committee, Communists will not be admitted as delegates regardless of any credentials they may have. At the same time, we are relying on each participating organization to take steps to prevent the infiltration & subversion of credentials by Communists or Communist sympathizers by its local affiliates. In this connection, you may be interested in the enclosed letter which was sent out by the NAACP to all of its branches.

II. As we have repeatedly emphasized, the influence of the assembly upon the Congress will depend less on the number of individual delegates in attendance than upon the number of States and Congressional districts represented. However, interest in the assembly, particularly in certain large metropolitan areas, is so widespread as to create the danger that a disproportionate representation from these areas will make it impossible for us to accommodate all the delegates

all the delegates from other states + districts, accordingly; it has become necessary to extend the limitation of 10 delegates per organization previously applicable to Baltimore, N.Y. & Phila.; to other cities. In other words, each participating organization will be limited to a maximum of 10 delegates from any one city. all other procedures outlined in our Memorandum of Jan. 30 regarding credentials + the election of delegates remain unchanged.

III In order that we may be able to register the delegates with a minimum of delay + discomfort, registration desks will be set up both at the Willard Hotel as previously announced and at the 12th St. Y.M.C.A. beginning at 9 A.M. Sunday, Mar. 4 in accordance with the following alphabetical division by states:

A Willard Hotel, 14th St. + Pa. ave. N.W.
Cabinet Room.

Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Fla, Ga, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Ky., La., Maine, Md., Mass., Mich., Minnesota, + Miss

B. Y.M.C.A. 1816 - 12th St. N.W.

Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, N. Jersey, New Mexico, N.Y., N. Car., N. Dakota, Ohio, Okla., Oregon, Pa., Rhode Island, S. Carolina, S. Dakota, Tenn., Texas, Utah, Vermont, Va., Washington, W. Va., Wisconsin, + Wyoming.

Please notify your affiliates promptly regarding these registration procedures.

Sincerely yours,

Ray Wilkins, Chairman
Arnold Ashe, Secy.

Delegate assembly for civil Rights.

Mar. 4 - 6, 1956

Tentative Programs

Sunday, March 4

9. A.M. - 2 P.M. Registration
Willard Hotel, Cabinet Room - 14th St. + Pa. ave. N.W. (Delegates from ala. thru Miss.)
Y.M.C.A., 1816 - 12th St. N.W.
(Delegates from Missouri thru Wyoming)

2:30 - 5:30 P.M. Metropolitan Baptist church
1225 R. St. N.W.
Keynote address
Briefing session - a panel discussion by outstanding civil rights lobbyists.
Do's + don'ts in calling on Congressmen + Senators.
Review of commitments + voting records.
Organization of delegations.
Schedule of appointments.

7:30 - 10 P.M. - Interdepartmental auditorium, Labor Dept. Bldg., 14th + Constitution ave. N.W.
Court of Inquiry - an investigation into infringements of constitutional guarantees. Testimony by witnesses + victims of civil rights violations.

Monday, March 5. Grand Ballroom. Willard Hotel
9 A.M. & 1 P.M. Conferences with Congressmen + Senators.
2 P.M. - 5 P.M. Reports session
8 P.M. - 10:30 P.M. Pledges + Performance - Presentations by Congressional leaders + party spokesmen.

Tuesday - March 6 - Interdepartmental Auditorium
9 AM & 12 Noon. Conference with Congressmen + Senators
1:30 - 3 P.M. - Depths Session. Summations

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Syracuse, Alabama

My dear [redacted] b7c

Your telegram dated March 3, 1956, has been received, and I am indeed grateful for the interest which prompted you to communicate with me in this regard and to bring your observations to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc- Birmingham, with copy of incoming

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March 8, 1956

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ON 4/16/79

Reference is made to recent newspaper accounts reflecting that Representative Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., of New York has called upon the nation's Negroes to cease work on March 28, 1956, for one hour to offer prayers in support of the boycott of city buses in Montgomery, Alabama. March 28 has been designated as "National Deliverance Day of Prayer."

According to the February 29, 1956, issue of "The Washington Post and Times Herald," a Washington, D. C., newspaper, Representative Powell on February 27, 1956, wired Dr. Joseph H. Jackson, president of the National Baptist Convention, that "work stoppage idea completely erroneous...we are interested in prayer only."

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[redacted] the west coast regional office of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is organizing the Ministers Emergency Conference, membership in which will be limited to ministers. The purpose of this organization is to provide sufficient leadership so that the group will be the recognized organization in the "prayer and protest meetings" on the west coast. The Oakland, California, Civic Auditorium is being considered for a protest meeting and any money collected will be divided equally between the protest group in Alabama and the NAACP national office for civil rights work.

[redacted] the west coast regional office of the NAACP is opposed to any nationwide work halt and the national office of the NAACP has not issued any directives in this matter which indicate a lack of support for a work stoppage. The Ministers Emergency

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Letter to Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

[redacted] Conference will urge attendance at church during the [redacted] hours on March 25, 1956, but will press for no work stoppage. In addition, the Ministers Emergency Conference will sponsor protest meetings after work and on weekends in order to give the average Negro a sense of participation.

The "Sun Reporter," a daily newspaper of general circulation in the Negro community of the San Francisco Bay area, for March 3, 1956, on page one, referred to Representative Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., as follows: "Powell wants prayer not work stoppages."

For your additional information in connection with the boycott of the buses in Montgomery, Alabama, by Negroes [redacted] the Albany Branch of the NAACP will conduct a city-wide canvass in Albany on March 25, 1956, to solicit funds for the support of this boycott. 67D

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Any additional pertinent information received in connection with this matter will be made available to you promptly.

Sec - Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. BOARDMAN

DATE: 3/6/56

FROM :

SUBJECT: CIVIL RIGHTS ASSEMBLY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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With further reference to my memorandum of 3/5/56, concerning the article appearing in the Washington Post and Times Herald on 3/5/56, reflecting certain comments of the Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy of Montgomery, Alabama, the following is noted.

It is recalled that Abernathy related that a Negro soldier was shot to death by a policeman after getting off a street car because he refused to give his seat to a white passenger. The Mobile Office was unable to identify any matter which might be similar to the situation named above.

In checking further into the matter, Mobile transmitted the Bureau's request to the Birmingham Office and the Birmingham Office made a check and was unable to locate the case in point. Birmingham, however, did furnish the following information which may be the case which Abernathy is referring to. The facts are as follows:

In 1946 Timothy Hood, colored, a discharged war veteran, was on a street car in Bessemer, Alabama. He had seated himself in an area reserved for white people. The motorman advised the Negro that he would have to move back to the colored section or get off the street car. The motorman returned his money to him when the Negro failed to abide by the motorman's request and after returning his money the Negro was put off the street car. During the proceedings the Negro forcibly removed the motorman from the street car. During the scuffle the motorman allegedly shot the Negro three times. Subsequently, police officers arrived and when Hood, after being placed in a police wagon, allegedly made certain advances towards the police officers in a threatening manner, was shot through the head by one of the police officers. All of this occurred in February 1946. The matter was investigated by the Bureau, the facts were submitted to the Department and no further action was taken.

With respect to the alleged incident involving a 14-year-old Negro girl being taken off a bus, handcuffed, and put in jail because she refused to give her seat to a white passenger, SAC Hallford has advised that no complaint or investigation was made into such an incident by the Mobile Division. He advised, however, that press articles reflect that Claudette Colvin, the girl referred to

cc Mr. Nichols

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

[redacted] Reverend Abernathy, was arrested on March 2, 1955. The disposition of her case is not shown nor are details as to the handling of her arrest available. According to Hallford, her arrest, however, is one of several which is the basis for a suit being filed in Federal Court charging a conspiracy on the part of Montgomery, Alabama, officials, including Chief Ruppenthal, to continue segregation in interstate travel. Signing a petition on behalf of Claudette Colvin is her father, Q. P. Colvin. The Bureau has conducted no investigation with respect to this matter. However, it is recalled that on March 2, 1956, U. S. Attorney Davis wanted us to conduct an investigation of a [redacted]

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The Civil Rights Section of the Criminal Division stated that no such investigation should be conducted.

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The above is being submitted for the Director's information.

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cc: Mr. Belmont
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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - Brief
(Prosecution of Additional Communist
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ON 4-19-88

Reference is made to my memorandum to the Attorney General dated March 2, 1956, captioned "Communist Infiltration of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Internal Security - C," a copy of which was furnished to you.

This memorandum pointed out that [redacted]
b7C [redacted] have observed permission to visit Washington, D. C., on March 3, 1956.

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In connection with our interest in Communist attempts to influence the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, held in Washington, D. C., March 4 through 6, 1956, it was deemed desirable to cover the activities of [redacted] and the other national leaders of the Communist Party while in Washington and they were placed under physical surveillance. This coverage reflected that on the afternoon of March 3, 1956, [redacted] was at the Charles Hotel, 1338 R Street, N. W. Also at the hotel on this date were:

[redacted]

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Memorandum for Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

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Communist Party
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[redacted] and
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[redacted] and the above-listed persons, with the exception of [redacted] attended the afternoon and evening sessions of the conference on March 4, 1956. Although these sessions were for accredited delegates, persons who were not delegates were permitted to attend as observers. [redacted] left Washington for New York City at 9:30 p.m. on March 4, 1956.

It should be noted that the afore-mentioned Communist functionaries who visited Washington for this conference were unable to obtain authorized credentials and their activities were confined to a spectator role. The investigative coverage of their activities by this Bureau, including physical surveillances, may have been responsible for the security of open activities on the part of the Communist Party in attempting to exert any influence or control over the activities of the conference.

The above is furnished for your information and is being furnished to Assistant United States Attorney Gilchrist in New York for his information in the event an official complaint is registered by [redacted] before the United States District Court.

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ATTENTION - SAC, New York:

The above information should be furnished to Assistant United States Attorney Gilchrist. He should be told that the information is to be maintained in strict confidence and is being furnished to him in view of the possibility that [redacted] may make an official complaint to the court. Immediately advise Bureau if such a complaint is made.

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NOTE ON YELLOW ONLY:

AUSA Gilchrist is in charge of the New trial.

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FEB 28 1956

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 2/24/56

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

You mentioned to me two items which appeared in the Congressional Record for 2/23/56. The background is as follows:

In the Congessional Record on page 2805, Congressman Gathings quotes an interview with Thurgood Marshall which appeared in the 2/3/56, issue of the Memphis Commercial Appeal wherein Marshall states "Edgar Hoover, boss of the FBI, says we are not subversive. Our conventions have been addressed by Harry Truman, and President Eisenhower and Vice President Richard Nixon."

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Undoubtedly, Thurgood Marshall bases his statements upon a letter to Walter White dated 4/14/47, as follows:

"Your letter dated April 8, 1947, together with enclosures, has been received and it is indeed a pleasure to submit the following statement for inclusion in your proposed pamphlet:

- 'Equality, freedom, and tolerance are essential in a democratic government. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has done much to preserve these principles and to perpetuate the desires of our founding fathers.'

"With best wishes and kind regards,

"Sincerely yours,
"/s/ J. Edgar Hoover"

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White had written the Director on 4/8/47, requesting a 50 to 100 word statement expressing the Director's opinion on the contribution to democracy that the work of the NAACP is doing pointing out that they were planning to get up a pamphlet including the comments of distinguished Americans.

cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Rosen

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There, of course, was no choice in the matter but to send the statement and at that time, it should be remembered that Walter White was proving to be a very effective balance wheel in the NAACP and holding down agitation. This was particularly true so far as the Bureau was concerned. The statement has been used because the NAACP made reference to it when Attorney General Cook of Georgia attacked the NAACP some months ago. At that time, we had inquiries and we passed them off as a 1947 letter to White. This, of course, is the line I think we should take in the event anything does come up.

With reference to the alleged resolution passed by the NAACP stating that the Bureau should restrict its activities to investigation of criminal matters rather than political matters, you are advised that this is somewhat garbled. In the Summer of 1949, there was a Bill of Rights Conference in New York City held from 7/16 to 7/17/49, which was promoted by the National Lawyers Guild, Clifford Durr, Paul J. Kern and others. This conference did pass a resolution calling for an end to the investigation by the FBI into political rather than criminal matters. Kern was on the National Legal Committee of the NAACP in 1954, and the reference to the resolution comes up in citing the HCUA records on various officers and officials of the NAACP.

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Office Memorandum — UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: March 7, 1956

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FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ON CIVIL RIGHTS MARCH 4-6, 1956, WASHINGTON, D. C.

I thought the Director would be interested in the following brief resume of the captioned conference and Communist activities during the course of this affair.

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CONDUCT OF CONFERENCE

The conference opened on schedule on 3/4/56 and adhered closely to its adopted agenda throughout. [redacted] the total number of delegates did not exceed 1,500.

The various activities of the conference included a briefing on how delegates should conduct themselves when contacting Congressmen; speeches on need for additional civil rights legislation; talks by individuals from southern states who were allegedly victims of civil rights violations, speeches by representatives of Democrat and Republican Parties; contacts with Congressmen and finally a report session on results of contacts with Congressmen.

One of the highlights of the conference was the introduction of Autherine Lucy during the 3/4/56 evening session at Interdepartmental Auditorium. Lucy's activity at this session consisted of this introduction and she was not permitted to speak. It is noted that Lucy is presently involved in a controversy over her attempt to gain admittance to the University of Alabama.

The entire affair was conducted in an apparently efficient orderly manner and was undoubtedly effective to a certain degree in accomplishing the over-all conference objective of bringing to the attention of Congress the eight-point civil rights legislative program of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

cc [redacted]
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
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The afore-mentioned eight-point legislative program of the NAACP consists of the following:

(1) Job equality through the establishment of an effective Federal FEPC.

(2) Withholding of Federal funds from any institution which defies the constitutional prohibition against segregation in public facilities.

(3) Making lynching and other race-inspired acts of violence Federal offenses.

(4) Abolition of the poll tax and protection of the right to vote.

(5) Establishment of a civil rights division in the Department of Justice with authority to protect civil rights in all sections of the country.

(6) Creation of a permanent Federal Commission on Civil Rights.

(7) Elimination of remaining segregation and other forms of discrimination in interstate travel.

(8) Provision for majority rule in the Senate and House of Representatives.

COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES

Communist Party activity was kept to a minimum through the diligent efforts of the conference officials. According to our informants the entire conference was very security conscious and was extremely successful in keeping the Communist element from any degree of influencing the course of the conference.

The only known overt Communist activity during this entire affair consisted of distribution on March 4, 5, and 6, 1956, of such Communist literature as "Daily Worker" and a pamphlet entitled "Behind the Lynching of Emmett Louis Till" outside of various sessions of conference. Persons distributing literature included [redacted] and [redacted]

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[redacted] following Communist Party functionaries are known to have attended various sessions of the conference although none of them had been able to obtain authorized credentials and their activity was confined to a spectator role:

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During this conference the Bureau was afforded coverage [redacted] through the utilization of [redacted] these informants kept our Washington Field Office promptly advised on a continuing basis of the day-to-day activities of this conference.

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

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This information was in turn forwarded to the Bureau and prompt dissemination was made of all pertinent data to the White House, the Attorney General and intelligece agencies of the armed services.

OBSERVATIONS:

(1) As indicated above, this conference was exceptionally successful in preventing any Communist influence or control over its activities.

(2) Throughout its course, conference adhered to its primary objective of bringing civil rights legislation program of NAACP to the attention of Congress. In this regard it is noted that at 3/5/56 afternoon session those in attendance were reminded of this objective and were told that resolutions and motions were not the purpose of the conference.

(3) It would appear that this conference was successful in achieving its goal of spotlighting its agitation for additional civil rights legislation.

(4) It may well be that the reason for the scarcity of open attempts by Communist functionaries to influence this conference was due to the extensive coverage afforded this affair by the Bureau. The activities of these functionaries were closely followed, including physical surveillances, and they undoubtedly became aware of this.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For your information.

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Re Albany airtel 2/21/56; Bureau teletype 2/25/56; telephone call from Inspector J. A. SIZOO to SAC, Albany 2/29/56; Albany teletype dated 2/29/56; and Bureau airtel dated 3/7/56. b7C

Referenced Bureau teletype dated 2/25/56 instructed "All offices sutel by Tuesday, twenty eighth data obtained to date re Communist delegations planning to attend legislative conference on civil rights March 4 - 6, 1956, and identity of Bureau informants who will be included in such delegations." Referenced Bureau teletype was routed to SA [redacted] to whom captioned case is assigned, for handling. b7C

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SA [redacted] further advised that inasmuch as the Bureau had already been advised by airtel dated 2/21/56 of all information available to Albany which was asked for in referenced b7C

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2 - Albany (100-9085)

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

Bureau teletype of 2/25/56 and since the information furnished on 2/21/56 [redacted] the Civil Rights Mobilization in Washington, D.C., he felt that an additional communication to the Bureau in this matter was not necessary. b7D

It is realized, of course, that referenced Bureau teletype of 2/25/56 instructed that a teletype be sent to Bureau on 2/28/56. However, in view of the fact that SA [redacted] had been following the matter of [redacted] the Civil Rights Mobilization in Washington, D. C., very closely and had kept the Bureau advised as late as 2/21/56 of all information in the possession of this office regarding the matter, which information indicated that there would be no delegation from this area, it is not felt that administrative action is warranted in this instance and none is being recommended. b7C b7D

I don't think we agree [redacted] b7C

This matter has been thoroughly discussed with SA [redacted] and the importance of complying with Bureau instructions has been brought to his attention. SA [redacted] now clearly understands that in the future he is to comply implicitly with Bureau instructions. b7C

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cc [redacted] b7C

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Date: 3/9/56

Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

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From SAC, Detroit (100-6781)

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To: Director, FBI (100-135)

RACON NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

DAYLET. The 3/10/56 Detroit edition of the "Pittsburgh Courier" received by this office 3/8/56 carries an article on page 1, column 1, captioned "Editorial - Give an Hour's Pay!" Instant article reads as follows:

"With all due respect to Congressman ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, The Courier seriously disapproves his suggestion that Negroes stop work for an hour and children leave school for an hour March 28 ...in order to pray to God that the hearts of some white Southerners should be changed and that right should prevail. The Courier believes in prayer, but it does not believe that Negroes should arbitrarily quit their jobs and leave their classrooms without regard of the cost and inconvenience to many others who may be, or have been, their friends. Let Wednesday, March 28, be a great Prayer Day, but throw open the doors of the churches that Wednesday night. Let Negroes by the thousands, even millions, raise their voices to the God of black and white alike. But if they want to be practical, they can help the Negroes in Montgomery, Ala., by sending them ONE HOUR'S PAY. Talking helps some. Praying helps even more. But MONEY is what the Negroes in Montgomery, holding out against insulting treatment of the buses, need if they are to

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(1 - 100-20595 [redacted] b7C
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Re: [redacted]

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win their objective through peaceful resistance. It is easy to send ONE HOUR's PAY to the embattled Negroes of Montgomery. First thing you have to do is to be honest with yourself. Prove to yourself that you really want to help, not just talk. Then write out a good check or send a money order. The check or money order should be made out to the MONTGOMERY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION. Either one should be mailed to the Montgomery Improvement Association, in care of Rev. M.L. KING, Dexter Avenue AME Church, Montgomery, Ala."

Section 2, page 1, column 4, of instant paper carries an article captioned "Local 600 Unit Asks Dollars for Montgomery Fight" which reads as follows:

"The 3,500 workers in the frame and cold heating unit of giant Ford Rouge plant were asked to donate at least one dollar apiece to the Montgomery, Ala. chapter of NAACP this week by their president, Joe Morgan, and vice president Walter Moore. This unit is a part of Local 600, UAW. In a leaflet distributed throughout the plant, the officers reminded the workers that 'you must bear in mind that the court injunction (in Montgomery) against boycotting a jim crow transportation system is the same weapon used in most states for union busting.' In a personal letter to Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the NAACP, MORGAN urged that 'Federal action be taken to prevent this suppression of human rights. In the soverign state of Alabama,' he said, 'two battles are being waged; one, to keep 'Bama white; the other to force Negroes to ride buses in Montgomery. Both of these issues are receiving their share of world attention - and with reason. If to salvage a modicum of their dignity, the Negroes of Montgomery choose not to patronize a segregated transportation service, is it not their choice? No buses have been overturned, no violence threatened. A minority group for years victim of economic pressures, is denied the right to exert that same force - however peaceful - to help solve its problems. No longer a matter of take it or leave it, Montgomery has said "take it or prosecuted in the name of the law." Morgan deplores the fact that 'the law can force citizens to be segregated' and this 'indeed is a paradox!'"

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Re: RACON

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The Detroit Edition of the "Pittsburgh Courier" has been described [redacted] as a weekly newspaper reporting on activities of the Negro community and is a non-Communist publication.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: 3-9-56

FROM : J. P. Mohr

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

"National Association for the Advancement of Colored People"

Pages A2185-2186 — Congressman Williams, (D) Mississippi, extended his remarks to include an editorial from the Nashville Banner dated February 24, 1956, entitled "Stand Up and Be Counted." This editorial points out that now is the time for Congressional investigation of the NAACP—"either to vindicate the organization or verify the facts in the case if they are as has been charged."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for [redacted] was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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From SAC, Detroit (100-3348)

To: Director, FBI (61-3176)

Communist Infiltration, National Association for Advancement of Colored People
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National Association For the Advancement of Colored People
DAYLET. The 3/3/56 edition of the "Michigan Chronicle" received by this office on 3/1/56, on page 24, column 3, carries an announcement as follows: "Mammoth Mass Meeting with Dr. T.R.M. HOWARD speaking on 'Mississippi's Challenge to Democracy."

According to the announcement the meeting is to take place Sunday, 3/4/56 at 3:00 p.m. and indicated that the rally is to raise funds, wearable clothing and canned goods to aid "our people" in Mississippi and indicated that these goods should be sent or brought to the church. Meeting to be held at the Hartford Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Reverend CHARLES A. HILL, Pastor.

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The "Michigan Chronicle" is a weekly newspaper published in Detroit by and primarily for the Negro people.

BROWN Mr. Belmont

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NEW HAVEN, CONN. Date: MARCH 7, 1956

Transmit the following message via AIR TEL

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From SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-44494)

To: DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: COMINFIL OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, IS-C. DAYLET.

The "Norwalk Hour", a daily newspaper published at Norwalk, Conn. on March 5, 1956 reported that the Norwalk Chapter of the NAACP expected that Miss AUTHERINE J. LUCY, negro student whose attempts to attend classes at the University of Alabama touched off [redacted], would appear at a Prayer and Protest meeting to be held at 7:30 P.M. on 3/7/56 at the Benjamin Franklin Junior High School, Norwalk, Conn. ANDREW WISE, President, Norwalk Chapter, NAACP, stated that Miss RUBY HURLEY, Executive Secretary, South East regional sector of the NAACP, would be a speaker at this meeting and may bring Miss Lucy with her.

CASPER

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2-New Haven (1-100-44494)
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Date: March 12, 1956

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DECLASSIFIED BY Sealey/pate
ON 4-19-88

Subject: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
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Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 15, 1954, at Newark, New Jersey, setting forth information furnished by [redacted]

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Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 2, 1955, at Newark, New Jersey, setting forth information furnished by [redacted] in set forms.

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You may desire to make appropriate notations in your copies of these reports.

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cc - Director of Naval Intelligence
Department of the Navy
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

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cc - Bufile 100-391094

cc - [redacted] Chief, Records Administration
(sent by June 6-8, same date)
(see note on yellow page two)

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Letter to Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army

cc - Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
Building Temps E
4th and Adams Drive, S. W.
Washington, D. C.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

This corrective action is in accordance with memo Belmont to Boardman dated November 18, 1955, captioned [redacted] Administrative action handled separately.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN DATE: 3/5/56

FROM : A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: CIVIL RIGHTS ASSEMBLY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

National Association For the Advancement of Colored People

An article appeared in the Washington Post and Times Herald, 3/5/56, reflecting certain comments of the Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy of Montgomery, Alabama. He was referring to the Negro boycott against the city bus lines in that city.

He related that a negro soldier was shot to death by a policeman after getting off a bus because he refused to give his seat to a white passenger. So far we have not been able to identify this case; however, our Mobile Office is checking on it.

Abernathy also referred to a 14-year-old negro girl who was taken off a bus, handcuffed and put in jail because she refused to give her seat to a white passenger. It appears that this is the case involving Claudette Colvin, a 15-year-old negro highschool girl who was convicted at Montgomery, Alabama, 3/18/55, for refusing to move to the back of a city bus. She was also found guilty of assaulting a policeman who had removed her from the bus. She was placed on probation for an unspecified time by Juvenile Court Judge Wiley Hill, Jr. Her attorney asked for dismissal of charges on the grounds they were unconstitutional.

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Immediately upon receipt of information from the Mobile Office, you will be advised.

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cc - Mr. Nichols

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. ROSEN

FROM : E. H. WINTERROWD

SUBJECT: CIVIL RIGHTS ASSEMBLY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DATE: 3/5/56

CALLS 11:48 A.M.
12:10 P.M.

While you were out of the office, SAC Hallford of Mobile called to supply the following information concerning the two matters you requested him to make an immediate check on.

With reference to the incident allegedly involving a Negro soldier being shot to death by a policeman after getting off a bus because he refused to give his seat to a white passenger, Hallford advised that a review of all the summaries of civil rights matters, as well as the zero files, failed to reflect any such case having been handled by the Mobile Office. Furthermore, Agents who have been assigned to the Mobile Division during most of the period it has been open do not recall such an incident in that territory. The possibility that the Birmingham Office might have handled such a case was taken into consideration by Hallford and he has requested that office to make an immediate check, and to telephonically advise the Bureau.

With respect to the alleged incident involving a 14-year-old Negro girl being taken off a bus, handcuffed, and put in jail because she refused to give her seat to a white passenger, Hallford stated that no complaint or investigation was made into such an incident by the Mobile Division. He advised, however, that press articles reflect that Claudette Colvin, the girl referred to by Rev. Abernathy, was arrested on March 2, 1955. The disposition of her case is not shown nor are details as to the handling of her arrest available. According to Hallford her arrest, however, is one of several which is the basis for a suit being filed in Federal Court charging a conspiracy on the part of Montgomery, Alabama, officials, including Chief Ruppenthal, to continue segregation in interstate travel. Signing a petition on behalf of Claudette Colvin is her father, Q. P. Colvin. The Bureau has conducted no investigation with respect to this matter. However, it is recalled that on March 2, 1956, U. S. Attorney Davis wanted us to conduct an investigation of [redacted] b7c

The Civil Rights Section of the Criminal Division stated that no such investigation should be conducted.

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This is for your information. As stated above, Birmingham is to immediately advise the Bureau of any information. b7c

cc Mr. Nichols
EHW:[redacted] (7)

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Memorandum for Mr. Rosen

CALL - 12:5[illegible] P.M.

SAC Fults at Birmingham telephonically advised that a thorough review of the files in the Birmingham Office fail to reflect any complaint or incident relating to the alleged shooting of the Negro soldier.

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Date: March 3, 1956

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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The following is furnished for your information in connection with the conference being held by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Washington, D. C., on March 4-6, 1956.

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Letter to Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army

[redacted] on March 3, 1956, observed 1,000 copies of "The Worker," the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," dated for March 4, 1956, in the baggage room at Union Station, Washington, D. C. The bundles containing the afore-mentioned were addressed to [redacted] in care of the baggage room at Union Station. It was observed that [redacted]

The source advised that from his observation the afore-mentioned is the regular Sunday edition and is not a special edition in connection with the afore-mentioned conference. Further that an article appears on page five of the issue entitled "Chicago Unions Back National Civil Rights March to Capital." However, the front page contains no article whatsoever regarding the conference.

cc - Director of Naval Intelligence
Department of the Navy
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

cc - Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
Building Tempo E
4th and Adams Drive, S. W.
Washington, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

NOTE ON YELLOW:

The first confidential source mentioned above is [redacted] and the second confidential source is [redacted] and the information set forth above was contained in WFO airtels dated 3/2/56 captioned as above.

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cc - Mr. Friedman
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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL March 3, 1956

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
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FBI File 61-3176

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The following is furnished for your information in connection with the conference being held by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Washington, D. C., on March 4-6, 1956.

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March 2, 1956

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I hereby suggest and urge that you make an investigation of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The "Good Book" tells us that by their fruits shall we know them. Certainly the fruitage of this crowd clearly indicates what they are, together with what their aims are.

It does not take a university professor to know that this outfit is a hot bed of communists. Certainly they are not Americans, with the interest of Americans being manifest in their actions.

It seems like everybody and everything has been investigated but this crowd. It strikes me that the time has come to have a real investigation of this group, who, apparently seem willing to wreck this country for their own personal gain. The time has come for America to wake up and live, or she will surely sleep on and die. If the present trend of things is not stopped the very thing that the communists want, overthrow from within, will take place.

Your department is in a position, and I urge you to take advantage of that position, to stem the tide of this dangerous movement by making America a home for Americans.

Yours respectfully,

[redacted] b7C

address obtained from telephone directory

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61-376-1390 March 12, 1956

Ex-15

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of March 2, 1956, has been received in the absence of Mr. Hoover from the city. I know he will appreciate your interest in writing.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

NOTE: [redacted] is not identifiable in Bufiles. In view of his suggestion that we investigate the NAACP, which he described as a "hot bed of communists," above answer deemed advisable. Address per telephone directory.

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI (61-3176)

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NAACP
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Remytels to BU and WFO 3/2/56.

[redacted] 3/12/56 orally advised SAs [redacted] and [redacted] that [redacted] attended Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, Washington, D. C., 3/4-6/56 as delegates, PH Branch, NAACP. [redacted] did not attend.

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[redacted] stated that careful manner in which most organizations issued credentials to delegates as well as keynote speech of ROY W. WILKINS, National Executive Secretary, NAACP, warning against CP attempts to influence conference precluded any marked degree of CP control of conference.

[redacted] advised that the conference was devoted to various speeches by individuals whom the NAACP had assisted; pushing for enactment of the eight-point program mentioned in previous PH teletype [redacted] advised that special emphasis placed on action on three specific bills: HR 3563, re anti-lynching; HR 3583, formation of a civil rights commission; HR 3476, re denial of right to vote.

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[redacted] orally advised SAs [redacted] and

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[redacted] as follows: b7C

On Sunday evening, 3/4/56, ROY WILKINS presided at meeting at which following spoke: RALPH ABERNATHY, Montgomery, Ala., Preacher; GUS COURTS, Belzoni, Miss., who discussed White Citizens' Councils; AUTHERINE LUCY was presented, but did not speak. A discussion was also held concerning HR's 3476, 3563, 3583 mentioned above for the purpose of urging Congress to vote these bills out of Committee for vote on the floor. On Monday, 3/5/56, most time spent by various state delegations in visiting their Congressmen and Senators. On Monday evening, a Mr. BUTLER (not further identified by Informant) and HUGH D. SCOTT, U. S. Congressman, 6th CD, PH, debated on the accomplishments of Republican and Democratic Administrations in the civil rights field.

On Tuesday, 3/6/56, various state delegations made reports on results of visits with Congressmen and Senators. Reports reflected that most Congressmen and Senators took favorable attitude toward civil rights legislation sponsored by convention.

Consensus opinion of delegates to CR Conference was that no CR legislation would be passed this session of Congress. [redacted] noted no CP influence at convention.

Above for info BU and WFO. b7D

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